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# § 964.135 Resident involvement in HA management operations.

Residents shall be involved and participate in the overall policy development and direction of Public Housing operations.

- (a) Resident management corporations (RMCs) may contract with HAs to perform one or more management functions provided the resident entity has received sufficient training and/or has staff with the necessary expertise to perform the management functions and provided the RMC meets bonding and licensing requirements.
- (b) Residents shall be actively involved in a HA's decision-making process and give advice on matters such as modernization, security, maintenance, resident screening and selection, and recreation.
- (c) While a HA has responsibility for management operations, it shall ensure strong resident participation in all issues and facets of its operations through the duly elected resident councils at public housing developments, and with jurisdiction-wide resident councils.
- (d) A HA shall work in partnership with the duly elected resident councils.
- (e) HAs, upon request from the duly elected resident council, shall ensure that the duly elected resident council officers as defined in subpart B of this part, and other residents in the development are fully trained and involved in developing and implementing Federal programs including but not limited to Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program (CIAP), Comprehensive Grant Program, Urban Revitalization Demonstration, Drug Elimination, and FIC.
- (f) HAs shall involve resident council officers and other interested residents at the development through education and direct participation in all phases of the budgetary process.
- (g) Resident council officers shall be encouraged to become involved in the resident screening and selection process for prospective residents at the development. Those selected to perform resident screening and selection functions must be trained by the HA in resident screening and selection and must sign a legal document committing to confidentiality.

### § 964.140 Resident training.

- (a) Resident training opportunities. HUD encourages a partnership between the residents, the HA and HUD, as well as with the public and non-profit sectors to provide training opportunities for public housing residents. The categories in which training could occur include, but are not limited to:
- (1) Community organization and leadership training;
- (2) Organizational development training for Resident Management Corporations and duly elected Resident Councils;
- (3) Public housing policies, programs, rights and responsibilities training; and
- (4) Business entrepreneurial training, planning and job skills.
- (b) Local training resources. HUD encourages the use of local training resources to ensure the ongoing accessibility and availability of persons to provide training and technical assistance. Possible training resources may include:
  - (1) Resident organizations;
  - (2) Housing authorities;
- (3) Local community colleges, vocational schools; and
- (4) HUD and other Federal agencies and other local public, private and non-profit organizations.

#### § 964.145 Conflict of interest.

Resident council officers can not serve as contractors or employees if they are in policy making or supervisory positions at the HA.

# § 964.150 Funding tenant participation.

(a) Funding duly elected resident councils and jurisdiction wide resident councils. (1) The HA shall provide funds it receives for this purpose to the duly elected resident council at each development and/or those jurisdiction-wide councils eligible to receive the resident portion of the tenant services account to use for resident participation activities. This shall be an addition to the Performance Funding System (PFS), as provided by 24 CFR part 990, to permit HAs to fund \$25 per unit per year for